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Ms. Gina Spade, Deputy Chief
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Federal Communications Commission
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Ms. Spade:

The Lawndale School District has been an active participant for many years in the federal E-rate program of the Federal Communications Commission administered by the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company that provides critical internet access and internal connections for our deserving students.

Tragically, our students are now being denied the internet access they deserve apparently due to bureaucratic indifference.

We have several applications, listed below, that should have been approved months ago, but languish in the hands of the E-rate approval processors who seem unaccountable, non-responsive, and not to have the interests of our students in mind.

Form 471 Application Number	Applicant Form Identifier
788248	YR14TELCO
788449	YR14EMAIL
788137	YR14SUN
788415	YR14AND
788473	YR14LANPBX
804392	LESDYR14INT

In the meantime, we have students who cannot use their computers in their classrooms because the bandwidth is insufficient for them to *even connect* to the internet. Our students deserve better and there is no reason these services should be withheld from them!

We would implore you to intervene and would welcome any assistance you could provide to break the "log-jam" of bureaucracy to get these critical services to provide high speed and wireless internet access to our classrooms for our deserving students.

Each day of delay is a lost educational opportunity that could help our students succeed and be best prepared to lead the future.

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I would be happy to provide any additional information you might require or to answer questions you may have to help us get these important resources where they belong.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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